U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of VICTOR J. STELLO, JR. and DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, Washington, D.C.

Docket No. 96-1729; Submitted on the Record; Issued April 21, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant has greater than a 50 percent permanent impairment of his left lower extremity, for which the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs granted him a schedule award.

The Board finds that the Office hearing representative's decision dated January 26, 1996 is in accordance with the law, facts and circumstances of the case and hereby adopts the hearing representative's findings and conclusions.

Accordingly, the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated January 26, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. April 21, 1998

> Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member